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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, TU, IZ, SY  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED PRESENCE OF KURDISH LEADER JALAL TALABANI  
IN TURKEY

1. ON MARCH 23 RIGHTIST BAYRAK AND ULTRARIGHTIST HERGUN  
CARRIED LONG ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO THA (TURKISH NEWS  
AGENCY), ALLEGING THAT KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER  
JALAL TALABANI HAS BEEN IN TURKEY SINCE FEBRUARY 21 AND WAS  
WOUNDED IN A GUNBATTLE MARCH 19 WITH SUPPORTERS OF RIVAL  
KURDISH LEADER MUSTAFA BARZANI. TALABANI, ALONG WITH  
TWELVE OF HIS MEN, ALLEGEDLY ARRIVED FROM ALEPPO, SECRETLY  
CROSSED THE BORDER NEAR REYHANLI (HATAY), AND TRAVELED TO  
THE VILLAGE OF KACILI IN URFA, WHERE HE STAYED AT THE  
HOME OF "SAYYID AGA" UNTIL THE SHOOTOUT. AFTERWARD, UNABLE  
TO REENTER SYRIA BECAUSE OF INCREASED TURKISH BORDER  
CONTROLS, HE WENT TO A VILLAGE IN DIYARBAKIR WHERE THREE  
DOCTORS TREATED HIM FOR WOUNDS IN THE HEAD, SHOULDER, AND  
FOOT. TALABANI'S ALLEGED REASONS FOR COMING TO TURKEY WERE  
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TO CELEBRATE THE NOWRUZ HOLIDAY (IRANIAN NEW YEAR) AND TO  
MEET WITH BARZANI'S ON, IDRIS MARCH 25 IN SILOPI, MARDIN.  
TALABANI'S PRESENCE WAS KNOWN TO THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF  
THE INTERIOR, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLES, AND WAS DISCUSSED  
BOTH IN A MINISTRY INTERNAL SECURITY BRIEFING AND IN THE  
LAST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. OTHER THAN A REHASH OF THE ORIGINAL THA STORY IN FAR  
LEFT VATAN IMPLYING THAT THE STORY WAS A FANTASY OF THE FAR  
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